

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of the examinee via a network, the method performed by a server, comprising:
  - transmitting an inquiry mail to the examinee terminal asking whether to require the pass/fail information;
  - receiving a response mail from the examinee terminal responding to the inquiry mail;
  - recording reception time at which the server receives the response mail;
  - determining, based on the reception time, transmission order in which a pass/fail information address in the network at which the pass/fail information is located is transmitted to the examinee terminal;
  - monitoring server load of the server; and
  - transmitting the pass/fail information address to examinee terminals of a predetermined number of examinees including the examinee depending on the determined transmission order and the monitored server load.
2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
  - receiving a transmission request for transmitting the pass/fail information transmitted from the examinee terminal, the transmission request based on the pass/fail information address; and
  - transmitting the pass/fail information in response to the transmission request.
3. (Previously Presented) A method of transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether a particular examinee has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of the particular examinee via a network, the method performed by a server, comprising:
  - receiving a transmission request for transmitting the pass/fail information from the examinee terminal, the transmission request based on a pass/fail information address in the network at which the pass/fail information is located; and
  - transmitting, in response to reception of the transmission request, examinee ID numbers of a plurality of passing examinees around the particular examinee.
4. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether a particular examinee has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of the

particular examinee via a network, the method performed by a server, comprising:

transmitting to the examinee terminal an enquiry asking whether the particular examinee wishes to disclose pass/fail information to other examinees;

receiving a response to the transmitted enquiry from the ~~examiner-examinee~~ terminal;

forming a group of examinees who wish to disclose their pass/fail information to other examinees, based on profile information of the examinees, the group including the particular examinee; and

transmitting pass/fail information of the examinees of the group to the examinee terminal of the particular examinee.

5. (Currently Amended) A transmitting apparatus transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of the examinee via a network, comprising:

a transmitting unit that transmits an inquiry mail to the examinee terminal asking whether to require the pass/fail information;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail from the examinee terminal responding to the inquiry mail;

a determining unit that records reception time at which the response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, transmission order in which a pass/fail information address at which the pass/fail information is located is transmitted to the examinee terminal;

a monitoring unit that monitors load of the transmitting apparatus; and

a transmitting unit that transmits the pass/fail information address to examinee terminals of a predetermined number of examinees including the ~~examiner-examinee~~ depending on the determined transmission order by the determination unit and the monitored load.

6. (Previously Presented) The transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the transmitting unit transmits the pass/fail information address to the examinee terminals of the predetermined number of examinees when the load of the transmitting apparatus is less than a predetermined value.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied in a computer readable media that causes a computer to function as:

a transmitting unit that transmits an inquiry mail to ~~the~~ an examinee terminal asking whether to require ~~the~~ pass/fail information;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail from the examinee terminal responding to the inquiry mail;

a determining unit that records reception time at which the response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, transmission order in which a pass/fail information address at which the pass/fail information is located is transmitted to the examinee terminal;

a monitoring unit that monitors load of the computer; and

a transmitting unit that transmits the pass/fail information address to examinee terminals of a predetermined number of examinees including ~~the examiner~~ an examinee depending on the determined transmission order by the determination unit and the monitored load .

8. (Previously Presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 7, wherein the transmitting unit transmits the pass/fail information address to the examinee terminals of the predetermined number of examinees when the load of the transmitting apparatus is less than a predetermined value.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium storing a computer program that causes a computer to function as:

a transmitting unit that transmits an inquiry mail to ~~the~~ an examinee terminal asking whether to require ~~the~~ pass/fail information;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail from the examinee terminal responding to the inquiry mail;

a determining unit that records reception time at which the response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, transmission order in which a pass/fail information address at which the pass/fail information is located is transmitted to the examinee terminal;

a monitoring unit that monitors load of the computer; and

a transmitting unit that transmits the pass/fail information address to examinee terminals of a predetermined number of examinees including ~~the examiner~~ an examinee depending on the determined transmission order by the determination unit and the monitored load .

10. (Previously Presented) The computer readable recording medium as set forth in claim 9, wherein the transmitting unit transmits the pass/fail information address to the examinee terminals of the predetermined number of examinees when the load of the transmitting apparatus is less than a predetermined value.